(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.

(Natural Resource related items)

• Fish (sucker) available for Tribal membership. In late April-early May there will be fish available for membership. The State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources will be removing sucker from a lake in the northern, lower peninsula of Michigan. A portion of the harvested sucker will be available for Tribal members. If you are interested, please contact the LRBOI Natural Resources Department for more details.

(Public Safety/Court related items)

• Docket. See the latest published court docket at the end of the Rapid River News.

(Cultural related items)

- Talking Circle Meeting: The Peacemaking/Probation Department is having a Talking Circle meeting on March 30, 2009, at 5:30pm, the meeting will be held at the Justice Center. For more information Phone: (231)398-2240 or Email: pwilson@lrboi.com
- Spring Ceremony planned! April 11th and 12th Spring Ceremonies are planned in Manistee. See the flyer below for details.

(General area items)

• Election Forum.

o ATTENTION; Muskegon County Tribal Residents. Muskegon Tribal member group is hosting a Candidate Forum. Egelston Township Hall, 5400 block of Apple Avenue, Muskegon. Saturday, April 4, 2009 between 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. The day will begin with our usual potluck, followed by candidate presentations, concluding with questions. Please contact Jean Waite at (231) 773-0653 or Bernadene Crampton at (231) 773-2787 or bernadene0903@verizon.net for questions or comments.

- LRCR. THE OPEN SESSION BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 17 AT 4PM IN THE GRAND RIVER ROOM OF THE CASINO.
- Election Forum at Three Fires. Approximately 45 people attended a Candidates Forum at the Three Fires Conference Center on Saturday the 28th. The following candidates participated: Martha Kase, Bernadene Crampton, Berni Carlson, Alesia Condon, Janine Sam, Candace Chapman, Pam Medahko, Steve Parsons, Melissa Zelenak, Sandy Lempke-Mezeske, Rick Sprague, Virgil Johnson, Elaine Porter and Michael Ceplina.
- Ballots mailed! The Election Board has reported that the ballots for the General Election were mailed on Friday the 27th of March. Watch for your ballot in the mail and be sure to vote!

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(Kateri Circle)

In our modern world today, we may seem like drowning men because of the loss of much of our spiritual tradition."

--Thomas Yellowtail, CROW

Our spiritual tradition shows us the way to live in harmony, balance and respect. The tradition taught us how to behave and how to conduct ourselves. The spiritual way taught us to pray and to purify ourselves. Handed down from generation to generation were the teachings about a way of life. Our relationship to Mother Earth and to each other was very clear. The Modern World does not relate to spirituality but to materialism. If we do not allow spirituality to guide our lives, we will be lost, unhappy and without direction. We are spiritual beings trying to be human, not human beings trying to be spiritual. It is said, Know thyself.

Grandfather, lead me to spirituality.

Tribal Court Docket

This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 3-25-09

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

Hearing Key Code

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation

DM - Divorce with children

EB - Election Board Appeal

FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment

GM - Guardianship of Minor

JV - Juvenile

NC - Name Change

TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support

DO - Divorce w/o children

EM - Emancipation of Minor

GA - Gaming Appeal

GR - Employment Matter

LT - Landlord Tenant

PF - Probate

TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket

EA - Enrollment Appeal

FJ - Foreign Judgment

GC - General Civil

JC - Judicial Complaint

NA - Neglect Abuse

PPO - Personal Protection Order

WC - Workmen's Compensation

Thursday, March 26, 2009; Judge Bailey

09:00 a.m. 09046GR - Moore v. Tribe Closed Employment Hearing

Monday, March 30, 2009; Judge Pope

10:00 a.m. 08195GC - Trial

Monday, March 30, 2009; Judge Bailey

1:30 p.m. 09038DM - Witkop v. Witkop Pretrial

2:00 p.m. 08168DM - James v. James Pretrial

Tuesday, March 31, 2009; Judge Pope

• 10:00 a.m. 08315GC - Trial Wednesday, April 1, 2009; Judge Shannon

11:00 a.m. 08117GC - Champagne v. Romanelli, Bailey Pretrial

Monday, April 6, 2009; Judge Bailey

10:30 a.m. 09033DO - Chivas v. Chivas Pretrial

11:00 a.m. 05001DM - Noffke v. Wheeler Motion Hearing

Tuesday, April 7, 2009; Appellate Court

4:00 p.m. 08303AP - People v. Stone Oral Arguments

Monday, April 13, 2009; Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m. Meeting with Council

1:30 p.m. 05194DM - Hanks v. Visger Motion Hearing

3:00 p.m. 07188NA - Closed Child Review Hearing

Tuesday, April 14, 2009; Judge Sherigan

10:00 a.m. 08309GC - Concannon v. Tribe Pretrial

10:30 a.m. 08310GC - Detz v. Tribe Pretrial

1:00 p.m. 07158DO - Pranger v. Pranger Motion Hearing

1:00 p.m. 09013TM - Tribe v. Kelsey Motion Hearing

3:00 p.m. 08287TM - Tribe v. Stone Motion Hearing

Wednesday, April 15, 2009; Judge Sherigan

10:00 a.m. 08311GC - Battice v. Tribe Scheduling Conf.

10:15 a.m. 08312GC - Kase v. Tribe Scheduling Conf.

10:30 a.m. 09045GC - Battice/Kase v. Burger/Davis Pretrial

Monday, April 20, 2009; Judge Bailey

9:00 a.m. 09061CO - LRBOI DPS v. NR Dept. Pretrial

10:00 a.m. 07225WC - Gerhardstein v. Casino Trial

11:00 a.m. 09014TM - Tribe v. Hutson Pretrial (with Prosecutor)

Monday, April 27, 2009; Judge Bailey

9:00a.m. 09050NC - Umlauf, Name Change Hearing

10:00 a.m. 060018DM - Taylor v. Taylor Motion Hearing

11:00 a.m. 09034GM - Studey & Studey Closed Hearing (minor)

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